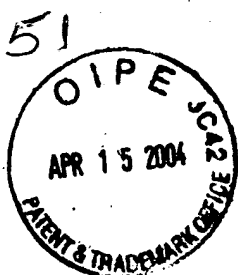


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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REQUEST FOR DRAWING CHANGES

Sir:

This is in response to the examiner's action dated March 1, 2004. In the action, the examiner states that the drawing should (show) a slide rail being shaped to partially mount within a structural member groove.

We presume that this means that the slide rail 7 should have a similar shape to the grooves 5 of the frame member 3.

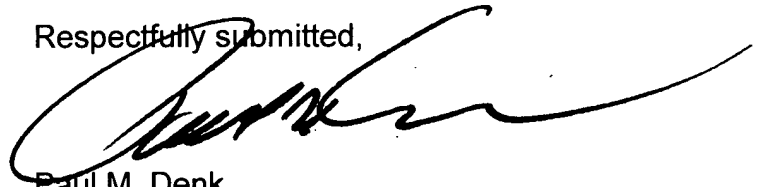
Please note that on page 12 of the specification shows alternative ways that these slide rails 7 can be affixed to the frame member 3, with respect to its groove 5. As noted, the slide rail 7 can be shaped to conform to the shape of the groove to be slid therein, and be frictionally held in place. Or, the drawings generally show how the slide rail 7 has a similar shape to its underlying groove 5 of the slide rail 3. Thus, it could either sit on top of the narrow neck section 5a of the groove, and be held in that position by means of a series of screws and nuts, the nuts being located within the groove 5 for the purpose of tightening the slide rail in place, fixed in this manner to the frame member 3. Or, as also noted in

Fig. 4, the slide rail 7 may have a similar shape to the groove, and fit therein to provide for the slide rail mounting in that manner. Hence, these are two alternative ways for holding the slide rail 7 onto the frame member or upon the groove 5, as analyzed on page 12 of the specification.

Thus, it would appear that the drawings may be adequate to show this type of connecting feature, both ways, in view of the detailed description provided on page 12 of the specification, and as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings. Hence, it would be appreciated if the examiner could review this once again, to see if such a drawing change is really required. If so, it will probably take an extra drawing to show the slide rail actually located within the groove, although it is submitted that anyone skilled in the art can readily determine this, upon reviewing page 12, and the appropriate drawings and figures.

The examiner's further review of this matter would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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